

Kensington Around Town

March 2015

Fiscal Year 2015—16 Budget Introduced

The Town introduced the Fiscal Year 2015-16 (FY16) Budget at the March 9th Town Council Meeting. The Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, April 13th, beginning at 7 pm.

The FY16 Budget is available to view beginning on Page 8, and on the Town's website: www.tok.md.gov. The **Real Property Tax Rate** was recommended to remain at **\$0.136** per \$100 of assessed value; the **Personal Property Rate (Business)** was recommended to be increased from **\$0.62 to \$0.65** per \$100 of assessed value; and the **Personal Property Utility Rate (Utility)** was recommended to be increased from **\$2.80 to \$3.20** per \$100 of assessed value. The total operating budget for FY16 is expected to be \$2,846,583.

If you have any questions about the proposed FY16 Budget, or wish to comment, but are not available for the Public Hearing on April 13th, please contact Town Manager, Sanford Daily, at SWDaily@tok.md.gov or by calling 301-949-2424.



Kensington Volunteer Fire Dept. for a new Ambulance: Dog Wash & Dry Marathon

The Kensington Volunteer Fire Department (KVFD) will be teaming up with the Blue Dog Boarding and Daycare (4101 Howard Avenue) for a Dog Wash & Dry Marathon March 14th and 15th, 9 am – 5 pm. The standard wash & dry rates will apply, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the KVFD's new Ambulance Fund. Please contact Blue Dog Boarding and Daycare for an appointment at 301-217-0010.

In an effort to help kick-off the Ambulance Fundraiser, Mayor Fosselman presented Chief Heflin, KVFD, with a check for \$1,000, at our March 9th Council Meeting.

www.KVFD.org



CALENDAR

**KVFD:
Dog Wash & Dry
Marathon**
Sat., & Sun., March 14th &
15th, 9 am—5 pm

**2nd Annual Kensington
Car Show**
Sun., April 12th
10 am—2 pm
(rain date April 19th)

Town Council Meeting
Mon., April 13th, 7 pm
Public Hearing

Arbor Day
Sat., April 18th
9 am—1 pm
Howard Avenue Park

Day of the Book
Sun., April 26th
11 am—4 pm

Traffic Committee
Wed., April 29th, 7 pm

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***Please see Page 7 for information with regards to the introduction of
Ordinance No. O-02-2015 and Ordinance No. O-03-2015***

FROM MAYOR FOSSELMAN



Revitalization, Development . . . Where Are We?

I am often stopped while running errands around Town by residents asking about future development plans, and when they may happen. My response is that while revitalization doesn't happen overnight, we actually have experienced quite a bit of change over the last eight years; and that I am very excited about what is on the horizon for Kensington.

Upon taking office in 2006, following a promise of openness and revitalization, I envisioned a Kensington with a more viable town center, dining and entertaining options, and most importantly, a pedestrian friendly community. Many of you shared this vision as well, which is what allowed us to begin the process of updating our 30 year old Master Plan with the blueprint for our future: The Kensington and Vicinity Sector Plan.

The necessity of updating the Master Plan was that while only thirty years old, it was developed upon an outdated zoning and land use strategy, especially for a semi-urban community such as ours. In addition, we had no zoning authority or say over what happened within Kensington, as we were at the mercy of the County's planners for any new development possibilities.

The good news is that we've been able to change this over the last eight years by lobbying the Maryland General Assembly, through our County and State Officials, by granting us quasi-zoning authority under Article 28 (Kensington and Takoma Park are the only two municipalities in the State to have this); thus allowing for a broader voice in land use decisions and the ability to develop a plan that will allow for greater mixed use zoning, open space, pedestrian access, and housing options.

Many of you may remember our lack of dining options just a few years ago . . . the main reason for this is that most restaurants are dependent upon the sale of alcohol to generate a profit, and with our liquor regulations as prohibitive as they were, it was very difficult to entice any new restaurants to open within the town. However, we were able to amend this law too, again with the support of our County and State Officials, and have since seen a number of existing restaurants receive liquor licenses, along with the addition of four new restaurants that serve beer, wine, and/or liquor.

While the physical development phase has yet to begin, the core areas of need are Connecticut, Metropolitan, and Howard Avenues. I have met with potential developers for each of these sites and believe the proposed projects meet the vision of the community, while maintaining Kensington's historical charm.

As with any re-development project, there are many hurdles to overcome, but overall, the process requires the cooperation from many parties, which is not always easy. While I hope to see these projects come to fruition very soon, I can promise that there will be an opportunity to allow for constructive comments prior to any final approval on any such projects.

Town Permits

10400 Connecticut Avenue
Telecommunications

10605 Nash Place
Telecommunications

3711 Plyers Mill Road
Sign

3711 Plyers Mill Road
Sign

10518 Detrick
Interior

10105 Hadley Place
Wash. Gas

3730 Perry Avenue
Wash. Gas

Building Permits—*Please be reminded that both a Town and County permit for any exterior or interior structural changes are needed, with the exception of landscaping and repairs. Historic District properties will also need a Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP). Please contact the Town staff with any questions.*



From Town Manager Daily

- The FY16 Budget was introduced at our March 9th Council Meeting . The Public Hearing was set for April 13th, 7 pm. If you have any questions prior to the Public Hearing, please feel free to contact me: SWDaily@tok.md.gov or at 301-949-2424.
- Howard Avenue, between Armory Avenue and the MARC Train Station, will be closed to through traffic on both Sunday, April 12th (2nd Annual Kensington Car Show) from 9 am—3 pm and April 26th (Day of the Book) from 9 am—5 pm.
- Historic Property owners—Montgomery County offers a number of Historic Tax Credits for the rehabilitation of historic properties. For more information, please visit www.montgomeryplanning.org/historic/
- Street Trees—If you are interested in having a street tree planted within the public right-of-way during our spring planting season (April/May), please contact Matt at MJHoffman@tok.md.gov.

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TOWN MINUTES

January 12, 2015 Town Council Summary

- Approved the Town Council Minutes from December 8, 2014.
- Approved Resolution No. R-01-2015 - A Resolution updating the Town's schedule of charges, expenses, and fees.
- Approved Resolution No. R-02-2015 - A Resolution authorizing the Town Manager to enter into a contract with Playground Specialists for the purchase and installation of new playground equipment at St. Paul Park.

January 12, 2015—Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Bartram, Furman, McMullen, and Sexton, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed for Town Attorney Ferguson's son.

The Minutes from the December 8, 2014 Town Meeting were approved. See Council Actions.

From the Mayor and Town Council –

Mayor Fosselman reminded Residents to clear the sidewalks in front of their homes of snow and ice within 24 hours of a storm; informed Residents that On The Purple Couch is collecting blankets and space heaters for A Wider Circle and will be distributed to families in need; attended swearing in for new Attorney General Brian Frosh; had coffee with Montgomery County Schools Superintendent Joshua Starr, and discussed rumors regarding redistricting of the Town, which were inaccurate, as the County is discussing redistricting boundaries for BCC because of the new middle school coming to Rock Creek Hills; the School Board is also studying high schools in the area to better utilize staffing resources;

and met with Residents on Kensington Historic Building Workshop, which will be held on January 31st from 9 to 1 at St. Paul's Church to identify uses and potential for Warner Circle, Kensington Cabin, and Noyes Library.

Council Member Sexton invited local business owners to attend the Wheaton-Kensington Chamber of Commerce business mixer on January 21st from 6 to 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

Council Member Furman reported she will be meeting with Maier Warner to discuss the changes to ExploreKensington.com. She noted they will also discuss the different mailing options for the recently completed Town Map project. She mentioned a parking issue during certain Town Hall events had been brought to her attention and suggested when events, such as the Bridge Tournament, will be in Town, to ask the Bridge Club to remind their members of parking concerns along residential streets. The Mayor also suggested the Town publicize to the surrounding neighbors when events will be in Town.

Council Member McMullen reported on the December 10th Traffic Committee meeting, and noted that the Fawcett Street petition was discussed. He stated that there was a misunderstanding between the business owners and the residents as to the purpose of the petition, and informed them both that parking restrictions will be enforced. The Committee is still waiting to hear back from the business community on how many parking spaces they believe would be adequate, to meet the demands of their patrons. The Town staff will be instructed to continue to enforce all restrictions within the area and the Traffic Committee will commence again on February 25th to discuss the situation, along with a number of other topics.

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Council Member Bartram attended the Traffic Committee Meeting, and thanked everyone for a successful Menorah Lighting.

From the Public –

Jack Gaffey thanked the Mayor, Council, Staff, and Town Crew for their efforts in clearing the streets of the most recent snow storm. Mr. Gaffey also noted that the Comet LoveJoy would be visible over the next few nights.

Liz Brennan, Kensington Park Friends of the Library, discussed the pending renovations to the Kensington Park Library and noted that the construction will require the facility to temporarily close from April 1st through July 1st. The project will include a new elevator and a refresh of the building. Ms. Brennan also encouraged membership with the KPFOL, as they are looking to double their membership and help make a sizeable contribution for a café styled wifi area.

Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations –

Resolution No. R-01-2015 – A Resolution updating the schedule of fees, charges and expenses was discussed. Town Manager Daily noted that the fee schedule is updated periodically to coincide with the local cost of living index. The Mayor noted the increases were nominal. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

Resolution No. R-02-2015 – A Resolution authorizing the Town Manager to enter into a contract with Playground Specialists, Inc. for replacement at St. Paul Park was discussed. Town Manager Daily stated that proposals were received from various companies and that he was recommending the proposal by Playground Specialists based on their contract bid with Frederick County Public Schools. Mr. Daily also mentioned that Playground Specialists had been working directly with a

number of Town Residents to design a park that was more inclusive of the community. The Mayor noted Section 2-403 of the Town Code authorizes the Town to piggy-back on an existing governmental contract, as long as they have similar purchasing requirements. He also suggested that in the future the Town should still publicize that they are accepting proposals for major projects.

Council Member Furman expressed support of the proposed projects and thanked the group of Residents working with Playground Specialists for their efforts.

Lauren Dworken stated that “Freddy the Fire Truck” will be outfitted with a #5 on it to match Station 5 of the Kensington Volunteer Fire Department. See Council Actions.

Council Actions –

Council Member Furman moved to approve the Minutes from the December 8, 2014 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to adopt Resolution No. R-01-2015 updating a schedule of fees, charges, and expenses as provided for in the ordinances of the Town of Kensington. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman moved to adopt Resolution No. R-02-2015 authorizing the Town Manager to enter into a contract with playground Specialists to install playground equipment at St. Paul Park. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Sexton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

A recording of each Town Council meeting may be found on our website:

*[http://tok.md.gov/town-business/
council-meeting-recordings/](http://tok.md.gov/town-business/council-meeting-recordings/)*

TOWN MINUTES

February 9, 2015 Town Council Summary

- Approved the Town Council Minutes from January 12, 2015.
- Approved Resolution No. R-03-2015 - A Resolution confirming the appointments of David Beaudet and David Weeda to the Town Ethics Commission.
- Approved Resolution No. R-04-2015 - A Resolution confirming the appointments of Martha Deale, Spencer Harrill, and Jenny Smith to the Board of Supervisors of Elections.

February 9, 2013—Mayor Fosselman, Council Members Bartram, Furman, McMullen, and Sexton, Town Manager Daily, Assistant Town Manager Hoffman and Clerk-Treasurer Engels were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Moment of Silence was observed for Samantha Furman’s speedy recovery.

The Minutes from the January 12, 2015 Town Meeting were approved. See Council Actions.

From the Mayor and Town Council –

Mayor Fosselman reported he attended the Maryland Mayors Association conference and was confirmed as the next President of the Association; met with a number of apartment Residents, along with Council Member Furman and Asst. Town Manager Hoffman, to discuss parking and additional apartment specific issues. The Mayor stated that the meeting was very productive and that the Town will take steps to improve communication and clarity of our parking restrictions.

Council Member Bartram reported that he attended the Wheaton-Kensington Chamber of Commerce Business Mixer and has been reviewing a number of issues that were mentioned at the previous Traffic Committee meeting.

Council Member McMullen reported that the Traffic Committee will convene on Wednesday, February 25th, 7 pm. The Agenda will be circulated in advance, but the meeting will focus on the following topics: parking on Fawcett and Howard; 3-way stop sign at Howard and Fawcett; parking regulations on Lexington Street; speed hump requests on Armory Avenue and Calvert Place.

Council Member Furman attended the Wheaton-Kensington Chamber of Commerce Business Mixer and noted that the Greenscape Committee will meet on February 24th (postponed until March 10th, 7 pm); requested that a future Town meeting discuss the benefits of a possible parking district.

Council Member Sexton thanked the Town for hosting the Wheaton-Kensington Chamber of Commerce Business Mixer; and thanked everyone for attending the Kensington Historical Building Workshop in cooperation with the Montgomery Parks Department. Council Member Sexton also noted the importance of the Town supporting the use of the historic buildings once the projects have been defined.

From the Town Manager and Staff

Town Manager Daily reported that he is working on the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget, which will focus heavily on street resurfacing, and will also include the replacement of the sidewalk along Kensington Parkway between Frederick Avenue and Kent Street.

Council Member McMullen suggested reconstructing the crosswalk that was between Clum Kennedy Park and the west side of Montgomery Avenue.

From the Public –

Julie O’Malley thanked the Town for co-sponsoring the Kensington Historic Buildings

Workshop, and Council Members Furman and Sexton for their efforts. Ms. O'Malley noted that the County will be posting comments and suggested recommendations on their website and will schedule another meeting prior to addressing the Planning Board.

Jack Gaffey thanked Council Member Furman for arranging the Historic Buildings Workshop, and was appreciative that Kensington Cabin Park was included within the discussion, which he stated has been closed since 1997. Mr. Gaffey also thanked the Town crew for their efforts during the most recent snow.

Ordinances, Resolutions, Regulations –

Resolution No. R-03-2015 – A Resolution confirming the appointment of David Beaudet and David Weeda to the Town Ethics Commission for two year terms was presented. The Commission's third member, Jack Gaffey, was appointed previously. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

Resolution No. R-04-2015 – A Resolution confirming the appointment of Martha Deale, Spencer Harrill, and Jennifer Smith to the Board of Supervisors of Election for the term of one year was presented. The Mayor thanked long-serving member Robin Watson for her service and noted that she intends to volunteer again in the future with the Board of Elections. There was no public comment. See Council Actions.

Council Actions –

Council Member Furman moved to approve the Minutes from the January 12, 2015 Town Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McMullen moved to adopt Resolution No. R-03-2015 confirming the appointment of David Beaudet and David Weeda to the Town Ethics Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Furman moved to adopt Resolution No. R-04-2015 confirming the appointment of Martha Deale, Spencer Harrill, and Jennifer Smith to the Board of Supervisors of Elections. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Sexton moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

New Ordinances Introduced

The Town Council introduced the following Ordinances at the March 9th Council Meeting, and set a Public Hearing date for Monday, April 13th, 7:00 pm. Please contact the Town staff with any questions.

***Ordinance No. O-02-2015**—Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington amending Chapter IV “Traffic Vehicles”, Section II “Parking”, to establish Section 4-209 “Motor Vehicle Towing on Private Property” by incorporating Chapter 30-C “Motor Vehicle Towing and Immobilization on Private Property” of the Montgomery County Code, §§ 30C-1 through 30C-10, and regulate the towing of vehicles from private property.*

***Ordinance No. O-03-2015**—Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington amending Chapter II “Government and Administration”, Article I “Town Offices and Procedures” by establishing Sections 2-113 “Compensation of the Council” and 2-114 “Compensation of the Mayor”, to provide for compensation of the Mayor and Council as authorized by Sections 404 and 504 of the Town Charter.*

TOWN BUDGET
ORDINANCE No. O-01-2015

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE TOWN OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16 AND LEVYING A TAX ON ALL ASSESSABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN OF KENSINGTON, MARYLAND

WHEREAS, the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year, beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 must be submitted to the Town Council on or before the third Monday in April; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget ordinance must be introduced at a meeting of the Mayor and Town Council to allow for timely notice as required by the Town Charter and establish a public hearing on said Budget Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Proposed Budget provides a complete financial plan, including anticipated revenues and proposed expenditures, for the fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Kensington, in public meeting assembled, that the budget for the Town of Kensington for Fiscal Year 2016, beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, be and it is hereby introduced and to be adopted as follows:

ANTICIPATED REVENUE

Local Taxes	\$948,168	
Shared Revenues	\$558,500	
Licenses & Permits	\$40,200	
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$179,894	
Fines and Forfeitures	\$100,545	
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$62,000	

ANTICIPATED OPERATING REVENUE \$1,889,307

Grants - County & State \$0

TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUE \$1,889,307

Re-appropriation \$957,276

TOTAL ANTICIPATED FUNDS AVAILABLE \$2,846,583

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

General Government	\$826,747	
Public Works	\$794,453	
Public Safety, Parks & Non-Departmental	\$268,107	

OPERATING TOTAL \$1,889,307

Capital Improvements Budget \$957,276

TOTAL PROPOSED EXPENDITURES \$2,846,583

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AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all of the sums set forth herein under the heading "EXPENDITURES" be and hereby are appropriated.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that there is hereby levied on all of the assessable real property within the Town a tax at the rate of:

Real Property: Thirteen and 6/10 Cents (\$0.136) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of assessed value of said property.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED and there is hereby levied a tax on all personal property subject to taxation by the Town, at the rate of:

Personal Property: Sixty-Five cents (\$0.65) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of assessed value on the following personal property subclasses as authorized in § 8-101 of the Tax- Property Article, Annotated Code of Maryland: stock in business, distilled spirits, operating personal property of a railroad and all other personal property directed by said article to be assessed, with the exception that there is hereby levied a tax of Three dollars and twenty cents (\$3.20) on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100) of assessed value on the following personal property subclasses as set forth in § 8-101 of the Tax- Property Article, Annotated Code of Maryland:

1. operating personal property of a public utility that is machinery or equipment used to generate electricity or steam for sale; and
2. all other operating personal property of a public utility; and
3. machinery and equipment, other than operating personal property of a public utility, that is used to generate electricity or steam for sale or hot or chilled water for sale that is used to heat or cool a building.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Council hereby adopts the imposition of a full year, one-half year, three-quarter year and one-quarter year tax levies authorized pursuant to §§ 10-102, 10-103, 10-104 and 10-105, Tax Property Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended, and authorizes and empowers Montgomery County, Maryland, to collect and remit the same to the Town of Kensington, consistent with the imposition and collection of such levies on real property by Montgomery County.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Town Council may from time to time transfer funds by Resolution within the Operating and Capital Improvements Budget categories.

ADOPTED by the Town Council this _____ day of _____, 2015.

TOWN BUDGET

TOWN OF KENSINGTON							
BUDGET DETAILS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16							
					Proposed Budget 2015-16	Adopted Budget 2014-15	Actual Revenue Received 01-31-2015
ANTICIPATED REVENUE							
LOCAL TAXES							
	Real Property Tax		0.1360		666,740	652,283	639,910
	Personal and Ordinary Tax Business		0.65		104,214	91,344	46,086
	Personal Property Tax - Utilities		3.20		177,214	155,062	42,408
			SUBTOTAL		948,168	898,689	728,404
SHARED							
	Admissions and Amusements Tax				500	500	62
	Income Taxes				558,000	558,000	374,136
			SUBTOTAL		558,500	558,500	374,198
LICENSES							
	Building Permits				5,000	5,000	6,115
	Traders' Licenses				10,000	10,000	240
	Cable Franchise Tax				24,000	24,000	7,713
	Parking Permits				1,200	1,200	4,655
			SUBTOTAL		40,200	40,200	18,723
INTERGOVERNMENTAL							
	County Tax Duplication Payment				137,523	123,080	137,523
	State Highway User Tax				38,145	62,653	48,951
	Bank Shares				4,226	4,226	0
			SUBTOTAL		179,894	189,959	186,474
FINES AND FORFEITURES							
	Speed Camera Revenue				99,545	71,104	0
	Code Infractions				1,000	1,000	45
			SUBTOTAL		100,545	72,104	45
OTHER							
	Interest				10,000	10,000	12,754
	Town Hall Rentals				40,000	40,000	23,705
	Municipal Events				9,000	9,000	10,644
	Miscellaneous				3,000	3,000	7,330
			SUBTOTAL		62,000	62,000	54,433
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE					\$1,889,307	\$1,821,452	\$1,362,277
GRANTS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS							
	CPP Grants				0	0	0
TOTAL GRANT REVENUE					0	0	0
TOTAL OPERATING & CAPITAL REVENUE					\$1,889,307	\$1,821,452	\$1,362,277
UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS					957,276	680,034	
TOTAL AVAILABLE REVENUE					2,846,583	2,501,486	1,362,277

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EXPENDITURES						Proposed Budget 2015-16	Adopted Budget 2014-15	Actual Expenditures/ Encumbrances 1-31-2015
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
PERSONNEL SERVICES								
	Salaries					331,126	302,953	187,382
	Social Security, Medicare Unemployment Taxes					25,652	23,287	14,594
	Workers Compensation Insurance					6,040	6,255	4,009
	Health/Life/Disability Benefits					38,793	37,327	21,676
	Pension Contributions					69,639	56,852	10,004
					SUBTOTAL	471,250	426,674	237,665
OPERATING EXPENSES								
ELECTED & APPOINTED EXPENSES								
	Mayor and Council Compensation					22,000	22,000	13,000
	Mayor/Council Legislative, Education, Travel					13,180	13,180	4,450
	Training/Seminars for Staff					10,350	10,350	1,910
					SUBTOTAL	45,530	45,530	19,360
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES								
	Town Attorney					40,000	40,000	12,230
	Audit					10,500	10,500	10,500
	Other Professional Services					28,068	27,444	11,722
					SUBTOTAL	78,568	77,944	34,452
TOWN GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS								
	Town Hall Repairs and Maintenance					37,852	36,665	21,585
	Town Hall Utilities					49,387	49,368	20,947
	Town Hall Equipment					10,500	10,500	0
	Economic Development & Commercial Revitalization					72,000	70,000	35,757
	Office Expenses					24,987	22,347	9,325
	Office Equipment/Furniture					3,000	3,000	2,500
	Insurance					21,513	21,513	14,487
	Dues and Fees					9,660	9,660	8,882
	Miscellaneous					2,500	2,500	2,073
					SUBTOTAL	231,399	225,552	115,556
					TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES	826,747	775,701	407,033
EXPENDITURES								
PUBLIC WORKS						Proposed Budget 2015-16	Adopted Budget 2014-15	Actual Expenditures/ Encumbrances 1-31-2015
PERSONNEL SERVICES								
	Salaries					242,596	216,515	130,128
	Social Security, Medicare Unemployment Taxes					18,791	16,642	10,092
	Workers Compensation Insurance					20,499	20,439	11,345
	Health/Life/Disability Benefits					83,431	60,107	37,426
	Pension Fund					51,582	37,949	5,104
					SUBTOTAL	416,899	351,653	194,095

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OPERATING EXPENSES					
OPERATING SUPPLIES					
Training/Seminars			500	500	25
Drug Testing - Drivers			1,000	1,000	0
Uniforms, Gloves, Vests & Shirts			2,000	2,000	1,029
Small Equipment Purchase			7,500	7,500	289
Vehicle Expenses Fuel - Gas & Diesel			10,000	10,000	4,871
Small Equipment Maintenance/Repairs			2,500	2,500	943
Vehicle Maintenance/Repair			20,000	20,000	9,091
Shop Supplies/Tools			2,500	2,500	1,693
		SUBTOTAL	46,000	46,000	17,941
REFUSE, RECYCLING & LEAF COLLECTION					
Refuse, Recycling, Yard Waste Contract			120,054	115,000	57,976
Leaf Removal & Disposal Fees			13,000	13,000	4,467
		SUBTOTAL	133,054	128,000	62,443
INFRASTRUCTURE					
Street Sweeping			16,000	16,000	3,203
Street Maintenance, asphalt, street name signs			24,000	24,000	17,178
Snow Removal, salt and contracted services			5,000	5,000	0
Sidewalk Repair & Replacement			25,000	25,000	10,036
Storm Drain Maintenance			20,000	20,000	0
		SUBTOTAL	90,000	90,000	30,417
OTHER EXPENDITURES					
Street Tree Maintenance and Other Landscaping			100,000	100,000	34,989
Garage Maintenance & Utilities			7,500	4,428	1,792
Miscellaneous			1,000	1,000	0
		SUBTOTAL	108,500	105,428	36,781
		TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS EXPENSES	794,453	721,081	341,676
PUBLIC SAFETY					
PERSONNEL SERVICES					
Salaries			48,366	40,176	22,756
Social Security, Medicare Unemployment Taxes			3,764	3,105	1,763
Workers Compensation Insurance			2,637	1,800	0
Health/Life/Disability Benefits			4,087	3,793	2,137
Pension Fund			1,911	1,843	1,162
		SUBTOTAL	60,765	50,717	27,818
OPERATING SUPPLIES & SERVICES					
Building Inspector			4,000	4,000	2,000
Parking Lot Lighting			2,000	2,000	541
Street Light Lighting			56,142	56,142	30,811
Traffic Enforcement [Mont Co Police]			38,500	35,000	23,067
Traffic Control & Engineering			12,000	12,000	4,301
		SUBTOTAL	112,642	109,142	60,720
		TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENSES	173,407	159,859	88,539

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PARKS & RECREATION					
OPERATING SUPPLIES & SERVICES					
	Park Lighting		900	1,045	614
	Park Equipment and Maintenance		20,000	20,000	2,069
	Park Landscaping		30,000	30,000	4,175
		SUBTOTAL	50,900	51,045	6,858
ANNUAL AND SPECIAL EVENTS					
	Municipal Events		23,800	23,800	14,003
		SUBTOTAL	23,800	23,800	14,003
		TOTAL PARKS RECREATION EXPENSES	74,700	74,845	20,861
NON DEPARTMENTAL					
	Contingency		20,000	30,000	0
		TOTAL NON DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES	20,000	30,000	0
		TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	1,889,307	1,761,485	858,109
		TOTAL CIP BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS	\$957,276	740,000	692,696
		TOTAL OPERATING & CIP EXPENDITURES	2,846,583	2,501,485	1,550,805

<http://tok.md.gov/town-business/budget/>

2014 Tax Returns

FORM 502 MARYLAND RESIDENT INCOME TAX RETURN		
OR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING		2009, ENDING
SOCIAL SECURITY #		SPOUSE'S SOCIAL SECURITY #
Your First Name	Initial	Last Name
Spouse's First Name	Initial	Last Name
PRESENT ADDRESS (No. and street)		
City or Town	State	Zip Code
Name of county and incorporated city, town or special taxing area in which you were a resident on the last day of the taxable period. (See Instruction 6)	Maryland County	City, town or taxing area

The Town's largest revenue source is a repayment of the State's income tax to the municipality. In order for the Town to acquire its share of the income tax and to continue to help fund the services the Town provides, it is necessary that the Town's name is filled out, **Town of Kensington**, in the appropriate box.

Town Election

The Town Election will be held on Monday, June 1, 2015 from 6:00 pm through 9:00 pm. The term of Council Members Darin Bartram and Paul Sexton are set to expire at the end of June 2015. Both Council Members have the option of running for re-election.

Nominations

Persons may be nominated for elective office with the Town by filing a Certificate of Nomination at Town Hall by 4:00 pm on Monday, May 11, 2015.

If you have any questions, please contact Clerk-Treasurer, Susan Engels, at Susan.Engels@tok.md.gov or by calling 301-949-2424.

<http://tok.md.gov/town-business/elections/>

COMMUNITY



2nd Annual Kensington Car Show

The 2nd Annual Kensington Car Show will be held along Howard Avenue on Sunday, April 12th, from 10 am—2 pm. The rain date for the event is April 19th.

Following a very successful Car Show this past year, Mario Bruno, Kensington Service Station, is happy to be bringing the event to Howard Avenue. Once again, the event will showcase both classic and current model years with live music, food, and fun for the entire family.

www.kensingtoncarshow.com



Weed Warriors

The Montgomery County Parks Department is actively seeking volunteers for their Weed Warrior program in an effort to help 'weed out' invasive species within our community.

This is a great opportunity to learn about the native habitats of our parks and what you can do to help preserve the health of our ecosystems. Instruction and tools are provided. Events are held throughout the county by a variety of volunteer Supervisors and staff.

Volunteers must be at least 12 years of age.

www.WeedWarrior.org

Kensington Celebrates



The International
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OF THE
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The Day of the Book Festival returns to Kensington on Sunday, April 26th, 11 am—4 pm. Please join us for live music, author readings, open mic, activities for children and adults, storytellers, . . . books, books, and more books!

Local authors, book-artists, publishers, book-sellers, and literary groups line Howard Avenue in Historic Old Town Kensington to show, sell, and discuss their works. All activities are free.

www.DayoftheBook.com

Champion Tree



The Town has a Champion Tree located within Clum-Kennedy Park. The China-Fir was awarded Champion status by the Montgomery County Forestry Board for their 2015 publication of Champion Trees.

According to the Forestry Board, a Champion Tree is the largest known tree of a given species in a particular geographic area. Some champions are very large trees and some champions are rather small. The largest known tree in Maryland is an American Sycamore, which is more than eight feet across.

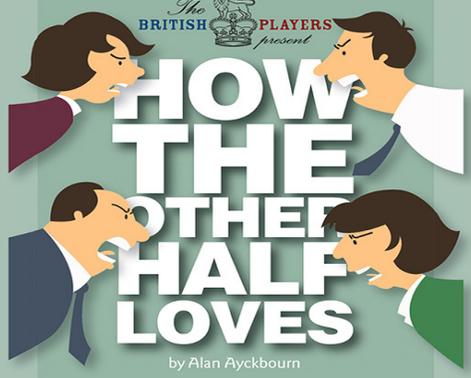
The Town would like to thank Pierre Gagne for submitting the tree to the Forestry Board, which has been keeping track and measuring trees since 1989.

www.mcmdforestryboard.org

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